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TAFSEER SURAH IKHLAS

"Sincerity" or "Purity"

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This topic can also be referred to as the Islamic concept of God. Surah Ikhlas is equal to a third of the Qur'an.

Narrated By Abu Said Al-Khudri: A man heard another man reciting (Surat-Al-Ikhlas) 'Say He is Allah, (the) One.' (112. 1) repeatedly the next morning he came to Allah's Apostle and informed him about it as if he thought that it was not enough to recite. On that Allah's Apostle said, "By Him in Whose Hand my life is, this Surah is equal to one-third of the Qur'an!" [Sahih Bukhari, Vol 6, Book 61, Hadith #533]

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وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

(Al-Ikhlas 112:1)

CAUSES OF REVELATION

The pagans of Makkah used to use the name Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
The Prophet's fathers name was Abdullah.
Abraham built the kaaba for them and taught them Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
Paganism was introduced to them by someone later.

The Arabs used to think the angels were the daughters of Allah (Subhana Allah wa ta'ala).

The Arabs approached the Prophet (ﷺ) and asked for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to be described to them.

This is when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) revealed Surah Ikhlas.

AYAH 1

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Say (O Muhammad (ﷺ)): "He is Allah, (the) One.
(Al-Ikhlas 112:1)

This first verse is refuting Christianity.
Christians believe in trinity: god the father, god the son and god the holy spirit.
They gathered at the council of Nicaea and introduced trinity.
Christians are pagans.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made takfeer of Christians in Surah 5:72-73.

Surely, they have disbelieved who say: "Allah is the Messiah ['Iesa (Jesus)], son of Maryam (Mary)." But the Messiah ['Iesa (Jesus)] said: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, hen Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers) there are no helpers. Surely, disbelievers are those who said: "Allah is the third of the three (in a Trinity)." But there is no ilah (god) (none who has the right to be worshipped) but One Ilah (God -Allah). And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall the disbelievers among them. (Al-Ma'idah 5:72-73)

Ubayy bin Ka'b that the idolaters said to the Prophet "O Muhammad! Tell us the lineage of your Lord." So Allah revealed Say: "He is Allah, One. Allah He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is non comparable to Him." [Musnad Ahmad (5/133) No. 21257]

The very first ayah of Surah Ikhlas means Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has no partners or associates.

The worst crime is Shirk.
You are a muwahid (monotheist).
You are not a polytheist.
You worship one God.

You single out Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for worship.
You are unique in that regard.
Because the worst crime is to worship a false deity, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told you:

Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with him in worship, but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He pleases, and whoever sets up partners with Allah in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin. (An-Nisa 4:48)

The ayah means if you die in a state of shirk you will never be forgiven.
If you repent from your polytheism before you die, there is hope for you because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgives all sins.
The very first verse of Surah Ikhlas refutes the Christians who believe Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a third in trinity.

AYAH 2

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

"Allah-us-Samad (The Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, He neither eats nor drinks). (Al-Ikhlas 112:2)

It also refutes those who believe Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appeared on earth in the form of a man.
The word As-Samad means Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a first without a beginning and the last without an ending.
You have a digestive system and a nervous system.
Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) doesn't have these systems.
As-Samad means Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) doesn't die.

Concerning the statement that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is one, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said if there was more than one God, the heavens and the earth would have been destroyed.
Each god would want to accomplish another thing.

When there is an argument, none of the gods would have backed down.
It is not permissible for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to create another creation and give him the same powers as Himself because there would be chaos.
If there was more than one god, each god would have taken away what he created.
This is why there is only one God governing the universe.

AYAH 3

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

"He begets not, nor was He begotten; (Al-Ikhlas 112:3)

When the Catholics say Holy Mary, mother of God, they are trying to say god came from the womb of a woman.
The human intellect will never accept Catholicism.
Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not beget children.
When the desert Arabs says the angels are the daughter of Allah, (سبحانه وتعالى) that doesn't make sense.

You are living in a Christian society and you hear people saying that Allah سبحانه وتعالى begot.
The word begets means to impregnate by way of intercourse.

And they say: "The Most Beneficent (Allah) has begotten a son (or offspring or children) [as the Jews say: 'USAir (Ezra) is the son of Allah, and the Christians say that He has begotten a son ['Iesa (Christ)], and the pagan Arabs say that He has begotten daughters (angels, etc.)]." Indeed you have brought forth (said) a terrible evil thing. Whereby the heavens are almost torn, and the earth is split asunder, and the mountains fall in ruins, (Maryam 19:88-90)

That they ascribe a son (or offspring or children) to the Most Beneficent (Allah). But it is not suitable for (the Majesty of) the Most Beneficent (Allah) that He should beget a son (or offspring or children). (Maryam 19:91-92)

He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. How can He have children when He has no wife? He created all things and He is the All-Knower of everything. (Al-An'am 6:101)

People say Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has the ability to do anything so why can't he have a son.
There are things that are haram for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to do.

It is haraam for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to lie.
It is haraam for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to oppress.
It is haraam for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to beget a son.

.“Oh, my servants! I have made oppression haraam (forbidden) upon myself, and also between you. So do not oppress each other...." [Sahih Muslim, Hadith #6246]

It is haram for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to break a promise to His servants.
Even though everything is possible for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), some things are haraam for Him to do.
Just because you are living in a society where you hear people saying Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) begot a son, this doesn't mean that you should become desensitised to this lie.

AYAH 4

وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

"And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him." (Al-Ikhlas 112:4)

You see and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sees but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the All-Seeing.
Allah's (سبحانه وتعالى) attributes are infinite.
Yours are finite.
Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can see in the dark.
The Hindus celebrate Diwali.

Ram, a Hindu god, needed light to see in the dark.
Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) doesn't need light to see in the dark.

A doctor needs equipment.
Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) doesn't need equipment to hear the beat of his slave.

You can't make Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) similar to His creation.
If you do so you have become a pagan in your mind.
Ayah 4 refutes the argument of the Christians who claim Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) came on earth in the form of Jesus.

It is not given to any human being that Allah should speak to him unless (it be) by Inspiration, or from behind a veil, or (that) He sends a Messenger to reveal what He wills by His Leave. Verily, He is Most High, Most Wise. (Ash-Shura 42:51)

This also refutes the nation of Islam who believes Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) came on earth in the form of a man.
Messenger in the above ayah means angel.

CHRISTIANITY

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. (John 14:28) King James Version

We have Bible verses to refute the Christians who believe Jesus was God.
No prophet would ever equate himself to the Creator.

And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? [there is] none good but one, [that is], God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. (Matthew 19:17) King James Version

No prophet was a pagan so he wouldn't put himself on the same even keel as the creator.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. (John 20:17) King James Version

All these Bible verses are evidence that Jesus is saying one thing and the Christians are saying another thing.

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
(John 5:30) King James Version

This is hypocrisy to the highest order.

But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. (Matthew 24:36) King James Version

Allah (Subhana Allah wa ta'ala) is Master of the Day of Judgment.
If so, how can someone be Allah (Subhana Allah wa ta'ala) and not know when Judgment Day is.

And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: (Mark 11:12) King James Version

And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. (Mark 11:13) King James Version

How can you be God and not know when it is the season for figs?

And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. (John 5:37) King James Version

The above Bible verse is the knockout punch for the Christians.
If Jesus was God, his disciples would have heard Him and seen Him.
The hypocrisy of the Christians is excruciating and nauseating.
The stench of their hypocrisy is unbearable in the nostrils of all the sincere people in the world.
People like to say: is there really a God?

A DIALOGUE WITH AN ATHEIST

1. THE SUN

The atheist wants you to believe the world came about by accident. We refute the atheist by saying the sun is situated above our heads meticulously.
If it was too close to us we would have died from intense heat.

If it was further away from us we would have frozen to death.
If the world came about by accident, the sun wouldn't have been meticulously situated at a point to sustain life.

2. THE ALTERNATION OF NIGHT AND DAY

Verily! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are indeed signs for men of understanding. (Aali Imran 3:190)

Those who remember Allah (always, and in prayers) standing, sitting, and lying down on their sides, and think deeply about the creation of the heavens and the earth, (saying) : "Our Lord! You have not created (all) this without purpose, glory to You! (Exalted be You above all that they associate with You as partners). Give us salvation from the torment of the Fire. (Aali Imran 3:191)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said that the alternation of night and day is a sign for the atheist.
If the world had come about by accident, we would have had 10 years of night alone or 20 years of day alone.
If it had come about by accident, it wouldn't run in accordance to order and perfection.

3. THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE YEAR

The alternation of these seasons is another argument against the atheists.
If the world came about by accident, why do we see these seasons every year.

4. WE ALL HAVE A DIFFERENT DNA

5. WE ALL HAVE A DIFFERENT FINGERPRINT

Even though we are over 6 billion people in the world, we have a different DNA, a different fingerprint and a different iris.
Every human being is unique in his own way because we were intelligently designed.
The creationists have a mountain of evidence and the atheists have no evidence.
Now that we have established that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) exists, the next question is:

WHERE IS ALLAH?

There are many answers given for this question.
Some people say Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is everywhere.
Some say Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is nowhere.
They say this because they don't want to limit Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to a time or place.
Some say Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in heaven.
All these three answers are wrong.

The only correct answer to this answer is that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is on above His throne above the seven heavens.

The Most Beneficent (Allah) Istawa (rose over) the (Mighty) Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). (Ta-Ha 20:5)

Do you feel secure that He, Who is over the heaven (Allah), will not cause the earth to sink with you, then behold it shakes (as in an earthquake)? (Al-Mulk 67:16)

Any other answer is considered zandaqa (heresy).

We say to those who say Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is everywhere, are you saying Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in the brothel, the pigsty and the toilet?

You are insulting Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
The knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is everywhere.

We refer to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as 'He' because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) referred to Himself as He.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) also referred to Himself as 'We'. This is called the royal We or the majestic We.

Sometimes Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) referred to himself as Us.
The Us is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
So don't get confused and think there is more than one Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

It is narrated that the companion Mu'awiyah ibn al-Hakam, (RA) slapped his servant girl who used to tend his sheep, and as a result went to the Prophet (ﷺ) and asked what should be done as an atonement for having slapped her. The Prophet replied, "Bring her to me" so Mu'awiyah brought her to the Prophet. The Prophet then asked her, "Where is Allah?" and she replied "Above the Sky" then the Prophet asked her, "Who am I?" and she replied, "You are Allah's Messenger", so the Prophet said, "Free her, for verily she is a true believer." [Sahih Muslim (1/381) No. 537]

A Sufi, a Tableeghi, Shiite or a Barelvi will say to keep her in captivity because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not above the heavens. He is everywhere.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION 1 WHAT IS THE PERSONALITY OF ALLAH? IS ALLAH A VIOLENT GOD?

ANSWER 1:

Allah (SWT) revealed 99 names and attributes, so that you can understand His characteristics

example: Allah (SWT) is ar-Rahman (the All-Merciful)

Allah (SWT) is al-Kareem (the Most Kind)

Allah (SWT) is al-Maalik (the Absolute Ruler)

Allah (SWT) is al-Muhaymin (the Guardian), etc.

Allah (SWT) is most Kind but severe in punishment, He wants to a balance state of fear and hope

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (RA), who said that the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "When Allah decreed the Creation He pledged Himself by writing in His book which is laid down with Him: 'My mercy prevails over my wrath.'" [Muslim (also by al-Bukhari, an-Nasa'i and Ibn Majah)]

Allah (SWT) can be violent; example of this is the destruction of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah and the people of Noah.

Whatever of good reaches you, is from Allah, but whatever of evil befalls you, and is from yourself. And We have sent you (O Muhammad SAW) as a Messenger to mankind, and Allah is Sufficient as a Witness. (An-Nisa 4:79)

However, Allah's (SWT) Mercy is much more than His Anger

Allah (SWT) might send his destruction to a nation that transgresses other, example the illegal invasion of Iraq.

Allah (SWT) sent hurricane katrina

so sins bring His anger

this is why we don't see natural destruction in Mecca and Medina

so Allah (SWT) is the Most Just

Anas said: One of the Ansar used to lead the Ansar in Salat in the Quba' masjid and it was his habit to recite Qul Huwal-lahu Ahad whenever he wanted to recite something in Salat. When he finished that Surah, he would recite another one with it. He followed the same procedure in each Rak'a. His companions discussed this with him and said,

"You recite this Surah and do not consider it sufficient and then you recite another. So would you recite it alone or leave it and recite some other." He said, "I will never leave it and if you want me to be your Imam on this condition then it is all right; otherwise I will leave you." They knew that he was the best amongst them and they did not like someone else to lead them in Salat.

When the Prophet (SAW) went to them as usual, they informed him about it. The Prophet (SAW) addressed him and said, "O so-and-so, what forbids you from doing what your companions ask you to do? Why do you read this Surah particularly in every Rak'a?" He repiled,

"I love this Surah." The Prophet (SAW) said, "Your love for this Surah will make you enter Paradise."

[Sahih Bukhari (1/155)]

Sa'id Ibn Abi Sakinah states that he heard the following hadith from Ali Ibn Abi Talib. He saw a person writing bismillah and said to him, "Write it beautifully for the person who writes it beautifully will be forgiven." [Tafseer al-Qurtubi (Vol. 1, pg. 91) and al-Tuyuriyat (Vol. 3, pg. 932)]

Abu Huraira narrated the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "Faith has over seventy branches or over sixty branches, the most excellent of which is the declaration that there is no god but Allah, and the humblest of which is the, removal of what is injurious from the path: and modesty is the branch of faith."

[al-Bukhari (8) and Muslim (56)]

- Small good deeds, that you think are miniscule, that may be the deed that takes you to Paradise

Ibn 'Umar reported that the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said, "A woman was punished on account of a cat which she shut up until it died and she entered the Fire. She neither fed it nor gave it anything to drink when she confined it nor did she allow it to eat the earth's rodents and insects."

[al-Bukhari (2365) and Muslim (2242)]

Narrated by Abu Huraira the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said, "A prostitute was forgiven by Allah, because, passing by a panting dog near a well and seeing that the dog was about to die of thirst, she took off her shoe, and tying it with her head-cover she drew out some water for it. So, Allah forgave her because of that."

[Sahih Bukhari (4/130) No. 3321]

- A woman who caged a cat harshly, received Hellfire and another woman who fed a dog water, received Paradise.

- Hence something that you may think is miniscule might take you to Paradise or Hell

QUESTION 2

ASSALAMU ALAYKUM WHATS SHEIKH VIEW ON DOWLA AND AN NUSRA AS NUSRA IS KILLING DOWLA?

ANSWER 2:

- You are allowed to take nusra as long as it goes hand in hand with jihaad, there is nothing wrong

- Nusra is taking help from the citizen

- You are allowed to take nusra

- Prophet received nusra in Medina; these people were called the ansar

QUESTION 3: CAN MUSLIM TELL LIES?

ANSWER 3:

- A Muslim can tell lies in 3 occasions

...Ibn Shihab said he did not hear that exemption was granted in anything what the people speak as lie but in three cases: in battle, for bringing reconciliation amongst persons and the narration of the words of the husband to his wife, and the narration of the words of a wife to her husband (in a twisted form in order to bring reconciliation between them).

[Sahih Muslim, Book 32, Hadith #6303]

- A Muslim in the battlefield

- To reconcile 2 Muslims in an argument/dispute

- Or to save a marriage

QUESTION 4: WHAT IS OUR OPINION OF THE CURRENT DAY FITNAH IN SYRIA? SOME MUJAHIDEEN GROUPS ARE FIGHTING AMONGST THEMSELVES?

ANSWER 4

-This is a question of aqeedah

FSA = democrats

ISIS = Islamists

- Some mujahideen are democrats others are islamists

- This is 2 different religion

- There is no hatred like religious hatred

They had nothing against them, except that they believed in Allah, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise!

(Al-Buruj 85:8)

QUESTION 5: SHAYKH SALAM... PLEASE TELL US MORE ABOUT THE TAGHOUT... AND HOW IT EXISTS IN TODAY'S SOCIETIES? THANKS

ANSWER 5

- The word taghout means false deities

- Anything worshiped other than Allah (SWT) is taghout

Umar said, “al-Jibt is magic, and the Taghoot is the Shaitan.” [Sahih Bukhari (6/45)]

- Taghout is also the tyrants who governing the world right now such as Pharaoh, Tony Blair, Bush, etc... are taghout

- Taghout is also the kafir army

Those who believe fight in the Cause of Allah, and those who disbelieve, fight in the cause of Taghut (Satan, etc.). So fight you against the friends of Shaitan (Satan); Ever feeble indeed is the plot of Shaitan (Satan). (An-Nisa 4:76)

- his common sense told him not to fight for the taghout

- taghout is also kafir court house

Have you seen those (hyprocrites) who claim that they believe in that which has been sent down to you, and that which was sent down before you, and they wish to go for judgement (in their disputes) to the Taghut (false judges, etc.) while they have been ordered to reject them. But Shaitan (Satan) wishes to lead them far astray. (An-Nisa 4:60)

- you are only allowed to accept shariah law, not man made law

And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed - then it is those who are the disbelievers. (Al-Ma'idah 5:44) [Sahih International]

- it is impossible to be a Muslim until you reject the taghout

- the shahada is negation and affirmation, negate that there is no deities then affirm only Allah

Whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah, and then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break. And Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.

(Al-Baqarah 2:256)

- biggest mistake today is Muslims are told to believe in Allah

- but not to reject the taghout

- this causes a tauheed problem

If you invoke (or call upon) them, they hear not your call, and if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it (your request) to you. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them. And none can inform you (O Muhammad SAW) like Him Who is the All Knower (of each and everything) []. (Fatir 35:14)